

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Chester	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71,545,0034	DATE 5/6/71

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Catholic Presbyterian Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 14 miles southeast of Chester on South Carolina 97, then right about 1 mile on county road 355.

CITY OR TOWN:
Chester

STATE: South Carolina 29706 CODE: 45 COUNTY: Chester CODE: 023

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Catholic Presbyterian Church

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Chester STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Chester County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Chester STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
South Carolina Survey of Historic Places (Preliminary)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:
1430 Senate Street, Box 11, 188 Capitol Station

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Interior - rectangular building of handmade brick (random bond) with field-stone foundation, granite steps and gable roof. Four bays long of 12 over 12 rectangular windows with many original panes all surmounted by flat brick arches. Two original pine front doors (paneled and beveled) and put together with pegs. On front facade and at the second floor level are three small windows, now closed with brick. Beautiful molded brick cornices. Old shutter iron work remains.

Interior - flat ceiling of random-width boards. Side aisles lead to raised pulpit platform. Old original pews, pine floor, and lock on front door. Chamfered central post. Area behind pulpit is divided into church school class^{rooms} which contain old mortise and tenon benches.

In the churchyard is a granite marker to Revolutionary soldiers from Catholic.

Cemetery contains many old markers and is surrounded by a field-stone wall.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1759 & 1842

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically and architecturally significant is this old brick church which, after its organization in 1759, served the area's first settlers (mostly Scotch-Irish Presbyterians) and later sent an impressive number of soldiers from its congregation to fight in the Revolution. Still in use today, the church has one of the State's longest records of continuous service.

One of the first churches in up-country South Carolina, known as the "Mother of Churches" in this area, Catholic Presbyterian was also the mother of other churches founded in Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and Arkansas by members who migrated to these states.

Present church building, third on site, completed 1842 by Irish emigre David Lyle, is an excellent example of meeting-house architecture. Remaining virtually as built, of hand-pressed brick, building displays such original features as molded brick cornices, pegged front doors, pine floors and pews.

Organized 1759 by the Rev. William Richardson, who chose the name Catholic to embrace all Presbyterians, both Original-Church and Reformed. Richardson, who emigrated from England to America in 1750, was supply pastor for Catholic Presbyterian until his death in 1771. Succeeding pastors included the Rev. James Campbell,

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Covenanter," Encyclopaedia Britannica, VI, 615-16.
 Howe, George. History of The Presbyterian Church of South Carolina, I & II. Columbia, South Carolina: Duffie and Chapman, 1870.
 Jones, F.D. and Mills, W.H. History of The Presbyterian Church in South Carolina Since 1850. Columbia, South Carolina: R.L. Bryan Company, 1926.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES													
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE			LONGITUDE								
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds				
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	34	0	'	59	"	80	0	'	22	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"										
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"										
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"										

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Norman McCorkle, Historic Resources Coordinator I

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department Archives and History

DATE: 10/15/70

STREET AND NUMBER:
 1430 Senate Street, Box 11, 188 Capitol Station

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia

STATE: South Carolina

CODE: 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Charles S. Sel
 Director, South Carolina Department Archives and History

Title: 2/14/71

Date: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAY 6 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST:

William M. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

APR 19 1971

Date: _____

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CATHOLIC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8. Significance

first regular Presbyterian pastor in North Carolina, and the Rev. William Martin, first Covenanter minister ordained in Ireland and first to settle in the South, later appointed to Reformed Presbytery of Scotland committee to manage church affairs in America. (The Covenanters, although narrow and doctrinaire, deserve credit for defending liberty through years of arbitrary and despotic history).

Well-kept, peaceful cemetery, surrounded by field-stone wall, has many weather beaten markers. A granite marker, erected 1933 by Catholic's Memorial Association, lists names of 62 soldiers from the church who fought in the Revolutionary War.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Newsome, Lefler. North Carolina. Chapel Hill, North Carolina:
University of North Carolina Press, 1963.

Strange, Mary W. "100th Anniversary of Building Present Catholic
Presbyterian Edifice" from The Chester Reporter, July 2, 1942.